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St. Albert News Briefs

This item is somewhat belated, but it is thought very noteworthy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Gerard (nee Yvonne Roual) on Dec. 4, 1952, their seventh son, Bernard.

Please don't forget the Women's Institute meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Laderoute.

Mrs. Hector McDonald is now operating the telephones of St. Albert. The office is in her home.

The district is sorry to hear that Mr. Chas. Laderoute is in the Misericordia Hospital.

News from the curling rink: The Clean Sweepers beat the Bar Shinglers.

Four St. Albert ladies: Agathe Douchiech, Lena Lafranchise, Louise Fuhr and Betty Crozier, accepted a last minute invitation to curl a game at Alberta Ave. Congratulations to our ladies—they won 9-4.

Mr. Bert Sumner spent a few days last week on business in Calgary. Mrs. Sumner accompanied him.

St. Albert CYO hockey team defeated Concordia College Sunday afternoon.

A skating party was held at Morinville Sunday night for CYO members of the Morinville Community.

The South Edmonton Badminton Club played the St. Albert Club in the Community Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 22. A good time was had by all. A delightful lunch was served.

There will be a noceurain dance in the curling rink on Monday, Jan. 26. Everybody welcome.

The St. Albert annual bonspiel will start the week of Feb. 9, ending with a dance in the Community Hall on Monday, Feb. 16.

Best wishes to Emile Belcourt and Fred Vandy Gaag, who were recently married.

Physical training classes for girls 11 years old and over began, under the direction of Nan Maloney, last Thursday evening, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. These classes will be held weekly.

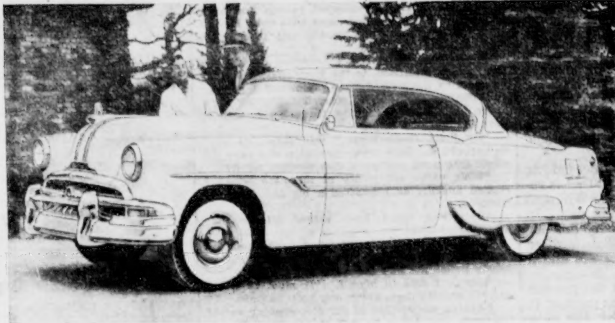
Weekly Civil Defence classes will resume their meetings in the Library at the Community Hall, St. Albert, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

The average Canadian spends 3.6 per cent of his income on tobacco, 3.4 per cent on drink.

Additional books placed in the St. Albert library this week include: Brave Harvest (Life of E. Cora Hind), by Halc; The Physicists, by Lin; Joe's Boys, by Alcott; Bedford Village, by Hervey Allen; Larks in the Pampers, by Smith; Evangeline, by Longfellow; The Forest and the Fort, by Hervey Allen; Gene Autry and the Big Valley Grab; Barchester Towers, by Trollope; Longlegs the Heron, by Burgess; House Sanitation, by Talbot; Agricultural Engineering, by Davidson.

4-H Club Meets

ST. ALBERT — The 4-H Sewing Clubs met at the home of Mrs. Claire Bonneville on Tuesday, January 13th. The girls had a contest on guessing the different kinds of fabrics and what they are used for. They also discussed the articles they are going to make this year.



THE 1953 PONTIAC brings Canadians a completely new line of automobiles with 29 body styles in five series. New styling inside and out, new colors, improved riding qualities, greater vision and roomier interiors are among the highlights. Available are eight and six cylinder engines, the latter with substantially increased power. Options such as Powerglide or Hydra-Matic automatic transmissions, depending on the series; Power steering; and the Autronic Eye, an automatic headlight dimmer, are available at extra cost. Shown here is the Custom Catalina.

NEW PONTIACS SHOW MANY IMPROVEMENTS

The 1953 Pontiacs—a completely new line of automobiles—were introduced to Canadian motorists recently by General Motors Products of Canada Ltd. Twenty-nine body styles in five series with important improvements incorporated in body design, styling and color, riding qualities, ease of steering and greatly increased all-around vision are offered throughout the 1953 Pontiac range.

This year, Power Steering is offered as an option at extra cost on Pontiac models equipped with automatic transmissions. Available, too, is a choice of eight- or six-cylinder engines, the latter with substantially increased power. Again this year, two automatic transmissions are offered—an improved Powerglide or dual-range Hydra-Matic Drive, depending on the series—as optional extras.

Three of the series—Pathfinder, Pathfinder Deluxe and Laurentian—are mounted on 115-inch wheelbase and offer collectively three four-door sedans, three two-door sedans, two club coupes, two sport coupes, and a business coupe. As an aid to easier parking, there is approximately two inches less over-all length than formerly in these three series through less front and rear overhang—a result of the new position of bumper guards and bumpers.

The Chieftain Special and Chieftain Deluxe series have been lengthened to 122-inch wheelbase, and offer a choice of six- or eight-cylinder engines with all models. Available in the Chieftain Special are a four-door sedan, 6 passenger station wagon and an 8 passenger station wagon. Chieftain Deluxe includes a two-door sedan, a four-door sedan, Deluxe Catalina, Custom Catalina, convertible and a station wagon.

Features of the new bodies, which are immediately distinguishable from previous models, include a one-piece curved windshield contour, greater trunk space, roomier interior, high rear seat, rear fender design, completely revised styling of sheet metal and trim, and new luxurious interior designs.

Pathfinder Deluxe Series (except club coupe), Laurentian Series, and both Chieftain Series carry large one-piece wrap-

around rear windows on all closed models, while the width of the rear window in the Pathfinder series and the Pathfinder Deluxe club coupe has been increased by approximately four inches. The Autronic Eye, GM's famed automatic headlight dimmer, is offered on all 1953 Pontiac Series as an option at extra cost.

A new front end suspension system designed for easier steering and steadier ride, is offered on both Chieftain Series. In addition to leveling out the roughest roads, Pontiac's new front end suspension greatly improves steering and handling on curves and corners—a feature to be appreciated by those who do considerable driving in cities or over winding roads. Rear springing on the new Pontiacs has also been improved.

In the new Pontiacs, there are many other appearance changes which begin at the front bumper and extend the length of the car. The new bumper styling gives an impression of massive strength. There is a completely re-designed, more massive radiator grille the elements of which carry out the styling theme of the car.

In this assembly the traditional Pontiac Indian head medallion is held midway between the sym-

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After 50 Years Apart Brothers Reunited

MONKTON VILLAGE, ENG. — Mr. Jim Handyside of the Salisbury district, South Edmonton, Alberta, met his brother George this month for the first time since 1902.

Jim is spending the winter in England and Scotland with relatives and friends and will return to Edmonton in the spring.

Scout Hockey News

ST. ALBERT — Another week has gone by and the Scouts have done it again. This time they beat the 19th troop 9-4 at the Tipton Rink on 169 st. and St. Ave. St. Albert was led by George Hudson and Brad Sumner with three goals each. Singletons went to Allan Maloney, Lloyd Cunningham and Roger Brodeur. Only one penalty was handed out for tripping. A few players came out with puffed lips, bruised faces, etc., but the game as a whole was well played. Mr. Ross and Constable Elley are to be thanked for the transportation in and out.

Gibbons F.U.A. Plan Aid For Fire Victims

GIBBONS — On Jan. 8 the monthly meeting of the F.U.A. Local was held in the Gibbons hall. Mr. Dunfield presided. After a discussion of the renewal of the International Wheat Agreement a questionnaire was completed.

Tentative candidates were chosen for queen in the annual skating carnival.

A donation of \$50 by the F.U.A. to the Wilt Oliver, to start a subscription fund was made to help offset the heavy loss sustained by recent fire. A committee sponsored by the F.U.A. will canvass in support of this subscription. This committee consists of Harvey McLean, Frank Kinney, Herb Hall, Lindsay Fraser, Carl Johnson, Armand Mathieu and Erwin Dunfield.

No one in this branch of the F.U.A. has devoted more time and enthusiasm to further its success than Wilt Oliver.

Eggs Intact As Car Take Ditch

EDMONTON — While driving to the city Tuesday, January 6, Mrs. L. Carleton had the misfortune of landing in a deep ditch with her car. A pedestrian, walking in the centre of the road, caused her to swerve the car which, skidded on the icy surface, Mrs. Carleton wasn't injured, just shaken up a bit, but the car received some dents and scratches. Two cases of eggs in the car escaped without a chip!

Women's Bonspiel At St. Albert

ST. ALBERT — The women's bonspiel took place in the St. Albert curling rink on Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18. A great deal of fun and enthusiasm were present right up to the thrilling finish when Agathe Douchiech beat out Vi Gibb for the Grand Challenge by two points in a closely-contested game. After the two final games on Sunday evening, the prizes were presented by President Frances Flynn in the Community Hall.

First in the Grand Challenge—Agathe Douchiech and rink. They were presented with a lovely curling rock emblem donated by Ruby Douchiech.

Second in the Grand Challenge—Vi Gibb and rink. They were given a nice electric clock donated by Volmer Hobbs Lumber and St. Albert Produce.

Third in Grand Challenge—Rose Lee and rink. They received pillow cases donated by Perron's Store and vouchers from Pearl's Beauty Salon.

Fourth in Grand Challenge—Louise Fuhr and rink. They were the recipients of plaques from the Vases Service and handkerchiefs from the Irish Linen and Mandarin Dress Shop.

Consolation:
First—Ethel Cuts and rink received cushions donated by the Bruin Inn.

Second—Lillian Vague and rink received trays donated by Podorsky's Furniture.

Third—Lena Lafranchise and rink received juice sets donated by Gaultin's Garage.

Fourth—Frances Flynn and rink received ash trays donated by Volmer Hobbs Circle.

The hard luck prize of small plaques donated by McLeod's Hardware was presented to Kay Bonnyville and rink.

The prize for the highest score in a single game in the bonspiel was won by Ethel Cuts and rink—chocolates from the Volmer store.

The prize for the lowest score in a single game in the bonspiel was won by Lillian Vague and rink—groceries donated by Lamm's Store, St. Albert Meat Market and Poulin's Grocery.

In conclusion, the raffle of a pearl choker was won by Germaine Borke.

Seen and Heard at the
Wanna Bonspiel

Ethel Cuts' dog Lucy keeping score in final consolation game.

Lillian Vague and rink anxiously awaiting the outcome of a meal.

Betty Crozier and Marie Gaultin attempting to follow their rocks down the ice.

Claire Bonneville doing a good job substituting for Ethel Cuts.

Katherine Bonneville expecting to become president of the Lions Club.

Vi Gibb and Agathe Douchiech warned against two minutes for slashing.

Rob Gibb and Rolly Douchiech winning their hands and "perspiring behind the glass."

Harvey Gatten vying end-around to see over the heads of taller fellows as Marie put a rock on the button.

Irma Sinclair playing a grand challenge game behind the glass.

Mary Steltz placing her guard rocks perfectly.

Louise Fuhr telling a friend how to be a regular fellow at the presentation.

EDITORIALS

The Same Old Story

Following the Christmas and New Year's recess, Parliament is back to work again. But worse than the time taken for the Holiday Season is the time lost—three weeks of it—in Debate on the Speech from the Throne.

It's the same old story.

Every now and then we heard demands that Parliament be "streamlined", that something be done about its rules to stop time-wasting, bring a bit of efficiency, avoid saddling M.P.'s with a year-round job.

Just waste of breath. The rules of Parliament could be made as modern as free-wheeling plus, but if M.P.'s went on using weeks on end in repetitious talk there could be no gain whatever.

No "streamlined" rule is needed to shorten debate on the Address; all that is required is an agreement among the Whips to have the debate end on a certain day. In Westminster they have been doing this for years; closing out the Address debate after one or two days, hearing the leaders and a few key speakers at most.

And not enough to say that the present session is a pre-election session, making it all but compulsory to have the House a hustings. This flood of repetitious talk comes every session. That is what makes it so obnoxious, such a peril to parliament.

If it's electioneering our M.P.'s have been engaging in these past weeks, it is because the constituencies they are thinking of, then our advice to them would be to finish with Parliament as soon as possible and get out into the constituencies. It's by hard work in the constituencies, not by speeches in Parliament, that elections are won.

Army Probe Needed

The Currie report created considerable excitement in Parliament and the Opposition is making all the political capital out of it that it can. While the amount stolen is small in comparison with the amount expended, and it happened in only one camp, the fact that it could happen and that the thefts extended over a considerable period of time before they were discovered, is cause for alarm.

The report shows that the Army Works Service paid little attention to regulations and states that in the past these regulations have been "honoured more in the breach than in the observance". The report goes on, the Chief Auditor had reported time and again unsatisfactory conditions, and the Deputy Minister of National Defence in each case had directed the Quartermaster-General to investigate the report. Evidently the Quartermaster-General did nothing about it, and the next audit revealed the same conditions.

Of course, the Quartermaster-General should have been dismissed; but had this been done, we would have had all the Top Brass and "stuffed shirts" in Parliament coming to his rescue, as they did in the case of Brigadier Connolly, who was retired for cause by the Minister.

It is to be hoped that the Hon. Brooke Claxton will not do as one of his predecessors, Col. Palston. He was deceived by the Army Officers, and instead of dismissing them, he protected them; with the result that he himself was made the goat. There was a war on then and, possibly for that reason, he did the right thing; but such is not the case now. A thorough investigation should be made and the Army Officers responsible for this state of affairs should be dismissed.

Alberta Credit Unions

On October 31 last 193 credit unions in the province of Alberta reported assets in excess of \$6 million, and loans since inception \$25,711,769.88. The number of credit union members in Alberta is 30,493.

DOWN ON THE FARM

Sea Serpents In the South Saskatchewan

By ELVIN W. PERSON

There's a blizzard going on outside.

But things are nice and cozy here by the oil stove in the house down on the farm. The cattle are all fed, the chickens gone to their roost for the night, and the neighbors have come over for a game of Canada.

Before the game got going the folks gathered around the stove and swapped yarns. Some got some truth in 'em, but some have not. Do you want to hear about the fishing trip I took last summer?

Well, John Engel and I travelled down there one Sunday afternoon, to the South Saskatchewan. As soon as we arrived there, John and I got out our fishing tackle and started in fishing right away. We cast for nearly three hours without even the hint of a single bite.

"By jinks, that's funny," said John. "I can't understand it. Here we've wasted pretty near the whole afternoon, and not a fish to show for it."

"Well, we've got plenty of mosquito bites," I replied angrily, as I swatted a big one from my nose.

"Something must have scared all the fish away," said John.

Just as soon as he had finished saying that, my line gave a sudden tug, so forceful that it nearly pulled me into the water.

"Goah," I said to myself. "It must be a big one. No wonder there aren't any little fish around." I heaved my foot on an old root sticking out of the bank and began to pull on my line. It was tough going.

"Hey, come over and help me," I hollered to John. "I've got a whopper of a big fish."

"Can't come," John yelled back. "I've got a big fish, too!"

Well, it seems that John and I pulled and pulled without any results. The water was lashed into a terrible foam, but still no fish appeared.

We tugged and tugged and swore until we were wringing wet with sweat. In fact, I was almost exhausted.

"I'm getting it," yelled John excitedly. Then all of a sudden my line slackened and I tumbled backward into a bush. What happened to John at that moment, I don't know to this day, but when I arose to my feet the most horrible looking creature or was it creatures came into sight.

Later I figured it out to be a Siamese-twin sea serpent, which evidently came through to the river by the Hudson Bay. The monsters were about as long as the house and each had a head the size of the oil stove. It was really like an overgrown rattlesnake with the exception of the fact that there were scales and fins on the backs.

I can tell you I nearly fell back into the bushes again.

The monsters appeared angry about being pulled out of the water. Their ugly heads away from side to side and their fins and tails lashed on the gravel and sand of the river bank.

I stood there, petrified with fear.

John was nowhere in sight.

Then a very strange thing happened. The Siamese-twin sea serpents began to fight each other! Before you could say Jack Robinson, the monsters swallowed each other and disappeared into this air.

If you don't believe me, don't ask John. He thinks it was only a bad dream!

Check Binned Grain

It has been established that farm stored grain in many areas in Alberta has become infested with mites and rust grain beetles and extensive damage may result unless effective steps are promptly taken. Farmers should examine their binned grain and also grain heaps on the ground. An iron or steel bar plunged into the grain and left there for some time will get warm if the grain is heating. Such grain should be cooled immediately. This can be done by elevating it or passing it through a combine.

The warm autumn weather is responsible for the tendency of grain to go out-of-condition. Farmers may be fooled by the fact that they carried tough grain throughout last winter without it spoiling. But the weather was cold then.

It has been definitely established that grain in many parts of Alberta has already gone out-of-condition. It will pay every farmer to check his own stored grain very carefully.

The Bible Today

He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will revolutionize the world.—Benjamin Franklin.

ODE TO ATHABASCA

"WHEN THE SUN GETS HIGH, I'M WONDERIN"

When the sun gets high, I'm wonderin'

What the old gang's doing now;

It's been so long since last we met—

So, strong, and sun-burnt brown.

And walked the warm and dusty streets

Of Athabasca town!

When the sun gets high, I'm thinkin'

Of Saturdays on the farm;

When up we'd rise so early—like— and bring the cattle home—

And I would milk, while she, she dressed,—

(For it's a fact well known!)

That gals took twice as long to dress

For Athabasca town!

We would load the cream and eggs

On the back seat of the car,

And drive to sell them earliest, before the crowd came on.

And though the girls thought fit to shop—

On hot days we'd be found

Gathered in a cool "wood hall"

Of Athabasca town!

When the sun gets high, I'm dreamin'

'Til my eyes are dim and wet;

And I can hear those distant shouts

As, strong and sun-burnt brown,

We frolicked down the dusty streets

Of Athabasca town!

—GEORGE RYGA.

Voice of the People

POSTMASTER GENERAL WRITES

May I, on behalf of the postmasters of Canada and the postal staffs generally, express our appreciation of the very great assistance extended to us by the public in mailing early during the Christmas season which has just passed.

According to reports already received from many of the offices across Canada, the co-operation given by the public was greater than ever before, and as a result most offices were able to complete their deliveries by Christmas Eve.

There is great satisfaction in being able to record such a result. For many years, the volume of Christmas mail has been steadily increasing, and this was again the case this year, when more than 250,000,000 individual items were handled. Careful planning and greatly augmented staffs are, of course, necessary to cope with such a flood of mail. All of our own efforts, however, would have counted for little if the public had not co-operated by observing the suggested mailing dates. The public, therefore, deserves the credit for what we have been able to accomplish. To one and all I wish to say "Thank you!"

The help also generously accorded, as in other years, by the newspapers is also deeply appreciated. By publishing the various mailing dates and other pertinent information, the newspapers

assisted greatly in assuring the public support which was so helpful to us.

My very best wishes for 1935. Deputy Postmaster General, Ottawa.

LOVE-SICK G.I.'s

I've been appointed by a group of guys to write you a letter to see if you would help us out. We're stationed in Alaska, and there's not much to do up here. We're trying to save money and all we do is go to a movie once in a while and write letters. We'd like to write some French girls in Canada, but we don't know anyone's address. We were wondering if you would put my name and address in the paper, and put a little notation that I and others would like to write to some girls.

The guys and I would appreciate it if you would do this little thing for us.

GEORGE J. LAJOIE.
RA 11194513,
510th Osn. Det.,
A.P.O. 751, Co Postmaster,
Seattle, Wash.

ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE

I am a steady reader of your Voice of the People. In fact, I wait from one week to the next for the paper to come. Some of the letters are very helpful. Of course we do have some stupid and foolish people in this world. But I'll admit I love to read their letters, too.

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DECLINE IN HIDE PRICES LOWERS CATTLE VALUES

Top cattle selling at 26 cents a pound on western markets last month were about 25 per cent lower than corresponding grades a year ago, according to a survey by the Council of Canadian Beef Producers (Western Section).

Retail beef prices have declined too but not to such a marked degree. Much of this is due to the drastic reductions in hide, tallow and casings value.

Native, or unbranded, hides that were worth 42 cents a pound in February, 1951, 37½ cents in May, 1951, and 25½ cents in September, 1951, sold at 14 cents a pound in July, 1952.

Between February, 1951, and July, 1952, a 56-pound hide from a 1,000-pound steer dropped in value from \$23.10 to \$7.70. The drop in hide value alone represented the equivalent of, slightly more than three cents a pound on a 500-pound animal. It was a drop in returns that widened the spread between live cattle and the price of retail meat.

Casings and tallow reacted in the same way. The drop in casings was sufficient that some types are not being recovered at the present time which means the edible meat must return a larger proportion of the investment in the live meat.

Since the war years, all beef carcasses are de-fatted. When fat and tallow sold at high prices, meat consumers felt some benefit in the prices they were required to pay, but edible tallow, which commanded 21 cents a pound in March, 1951, and 12½ cents last October, brought only 4½ cents last month. Some retailers have been giving such at no charge. Incredible facts are

A Trainload Of Grain

Fred Ramsey, Alberta Wheat Pool agent at Edmonton, shipped out a trainload of grain in the two-week period ending September 5. In these two weeks he loaded 41 cars, or about 75,000 bushels. This may be something of a record.

down about three cents a pound.

Between March, 1951, and August, 1952, the hide and tallow from a 1,000-pound animal dropped nearly \$24 a head, leaving the carcass and saleable meat to carry a larger proportion of the cost of raising and handling the live animal.



DR. F. I. CREAMER,
Director.
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In no year since agriculture began in this country have these Canadian prairies produced more grain than in 1952. For years to come, we will remember 1952 as "A Good Year."

Good Crops. The bountiful crops of recent years have brought prosperity to prairie farmers—a prosperity that has been earned by faith, patience and hard work; and through the intelligent use of the many valuable discoveries and inventions of our agricultural scientists. However, it should be remembered too that the high efficiency this country has reached in the production, handling, and marketing of grain crops is the result of the good work of many people. The great contribution the country grain buyer and his super-intelligent mind toward the successful handling of huge quantities of poorly-conditioned grain from the crops of 1950 and 1951 deserves the highest possible praise.

Good Soil. The soil of this great land of ours is capable of producing food for millions of people. Properly farmed, and with normal rainfall, it can, and will, produce food in abundance, providing we do not violate Nature's rules for soil protection and good land use. The penalties for Man's failures to respect these rules will result in blowing soil, crop failure, and a depressed livestock industry. If this happens it will bring hardships to this country and make no contribution to human welfare.

For the Future. From past experience we know that, sooner or later, dry years will come upon us. Let us be prepared. Let us make mechanized agriculture the servant of the master, of our farming operations. In 1953, and in the years ahead, the "right use of the land" must be the aim of every farmer in Western Canada. Toward the achievement of this aim the Line Elevators Farm Service pledges its full support.

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One day my brother asked me who a man was, pointing to him across the street. I answered, "He is an old crank." The next day he came to visit us and when he came to the door my brother said: "You're an old crank, aren't you, because my brother said so?" I was very embarrassed.
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Alberta Plant To Make 'Wonder' Plastic

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The new product, considered one of the most versatile and useful plastics yet produced by modern science, is called polythene.

It first proved its qualities as insulation in wartime radar equipment. Sir Robert Watson-Watt, British radar wizard, credited polythene with transforming "the design, production, and installation and maintenance problems of airborne radar from the almost insoluble to the comfortably manageable."

TRANSATLANTIC CABLE

Peacetime communications operators have since become enthusiastic about its commercial value.

More than 1,000 miles of polythene-insulated cable was used last summer when the cable ship Monarch revamped the old submarine link between Halifax and Port Huron, Cornwall.

Officials saw increased speed along with a sharp reduction in distortion and power loss and are convinced polythene is in the communications field to stay.

Canadian Industries Limited picked Edmonton for the site of Canada's first polythene plant because the area's oil fields are rich in ethylene-producing natural gas. The plant, scheduled for completion late in 1953, will turn out eight times the amount now available through imports from the United Kingdom and the United States.

1941 EXPERIMENTS

Polythene dates back to 1932 and English laboratory experiment which at first looked like a flop. Two scientists wanted to make benzaldehyde react to ethylene, a simple constituent of coal and refinery gases.

They didn't get what they wanted. Instead they produced polythene. After four more unsuccessful experiments, they evolved a safe-fire manufacturing process.

The product of their research was tough and flexible even at sub-zero temperatures, lighter in weight than any other known plastic, tasteless, odorless and non-poisonous. A polythene plant came into operation the day the Nazis invaded Poland and was promptly shut down over in war production. Only in 1945 did it become available to peacetime industry.

New Pontiacs . . .

(Continued From Page 1)
metrical concrete grille blades on a chrome bridge. These grille blades encircle the parking lamp, which have also been redesigned. The headlamps are encased in more massive recessed chrome doors and are mounted on an improved flange which imparts richness and size to the front end.

Pontiac's power steering, available at extra cost on models with automatic transmission, operates hydraulically as a booster mechanism and goes into operation at the turn of the steering wheel when the car engine is running. It has the advantage of making steering practically effortless in cornering at low speeds, parking, and similar situation where considerable effort is required normally. Furthermore, resistance to road shock is an inherent feature of the hydraulic control.

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converted to ethylene and subsequently, under terrific pressure, processed into polythene flakes. The flake will go into the manufacture of a wide variety of products for Canadian homes, factories and farms ranging from food wrappers and huge covers for outdoor grain piles to water pipes and coaxial cables. The plant, being erected for Canadian Industries Limited, will employ about 200 and is expected to go into operation late this year.

Special Ratepayers' Meeting Called

By L. W. NEWCOMBE

STONY PLAIN — The petition of 21 ratepayers asking for a special ratepayers' meeting was given favorable consideration by the M.D. Council at their meeting on Jan. 15. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 2:00 p.m.

Although the petition was signed mostly by residents of the Spruce Grove district, 11 of them from the hamlet who seem concerned with their councillor's resignation, nevertheless the meeting should have a general interest for ratepayers from the entire M.D.

It is reported that many ratepayers feel that an injustice has been done Mr. Brox and that a good councillor has been virtually dismissed through a misinterpreted interpretation of the act than was ever intended. Ratepayers should inform themselves of the facts.

District Saddened By Tragic Death

STONY PLAIN — Miss Margaret Courtney, 19 years old, of Duffield, died in Grande Prairie on Tuesday, Jan. 13, when her teacherage was destroyed by fire. It is believed she was overcome by the smoke before she could unlock the door.

Miss Courtney was a graduate of Memorial High in 1952, and was very popular with teachers

and fellow-students, and was acting as a correspondence supervisor teacher. Her two older brothers, John and James, were near her in Grande Prairie. A younger sister, Maureen, is attending High School here. Besides these, she leaves to mourn her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtney.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. S. G. Stewart at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, and interment was made in the Duffield cemetery. The Memorial High School students combined to contribute flowers.

The sympathy of the whole district goes out to the family in their sad bereavement.

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Stony Plain Resident Loses Sight Of Eye

STONY PLAIN — Jack Norfolk, whose eye injury from flying steel while at work in Jones and Fishhaber was reported some weeks ago, is now back at work. It was hoped that some sight could be saved by a further operation for cataract, but Dr. Fox after a two hours examination last week decided the sight is gone beyond repair. The loss of an eye is a serious loss at any time, and can be a tragedy if the remaining eye should not be 100 percent perfect.

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One day my aunt was taking her three-year-old daughter, Bonnie, to a doctor. Bonnie was walking along so nice, holding her mother's hand, and my aunt said, "My, you are a nice girl, aren't you?" Bonnie replied, "Yes, but I ain't going to be when I go in the doctor's bed room. I been good the last time and I ain't going to be now."

JEAN McLEOD.
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One day a six-year-old boy was playing with his four-year-old sister when he decided he wanted his jacket which was in the house. "Will you please get me my jacket," inquired the lad. "I'll pay you back sometime," said the girl. "You'll get it for me?" "Will you?" asked the little girl. A thoughtful look passed over her face when she said, "Do me a favor now. Get your own jacket."

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Not So Wonderful

Wife (with newspaper)—I see, dear, that a German scientist has extracted aluminum from coal.
Husband—Egg coal, I suppose.

Cutting

Club Bore—I turn in every night at eleven sharp.
Bunt (yawning)—Odd, that, after being so dull all day.

Old Story Revised

Prodigal Son (just back)—Father, aren't you going to kill the fatted calf?
Father (looking the fathead over)—No, I'll let you live, but I'm going to give you some work that'll take the fat off you.

Saturday Night Accolade

Teacher—What is the Order of the Bath?

No answer

Teacher—Come, some of you must know what the order of the Bath is.

Pupil—Well, at our house it's pa first, then ma, then us kids and then the hired girl.

A Classy Schoolmaster

Schoolmaster (to an American mother of prospective pupil whom he has shown over the school)—I think I may say in the words of the Queen of Sheba, "The half was not told."

American Mother—Say, has the Queen of Sheba a boy at this school?

Irritating

"That fellow owes me \$400."
"And won't he pay it?"
"He won't even worry about it."

Official Stupidity

"How can I get a permit to carry a revolver?"
"Why do you want one? Do you carry large sums of money?"
"Don't be silly! It's to get a roll that I want the gun."

Better Be Quiet

"Young man," and the old man leered, "When I was your age I, too, thought I knew all. Now I have reached the conclusion that I know very little."
"Great Scott!" exclaimed the lad in astonishment. "Has it taken you this long to find that out? Why, I knew it the minute I saw you."

Fair

A taxpayer asked a Washington bureaucrat: "How are you today?"

"Oh," said the bureaucrat, "I'm fair to meddling."

Not On the Program

"I hear you had dancing at your lawn party yesterday."
"It was quite unpremeditated; one of the guests accidentally upset a beehive."

Neighborhood Exchange

Wife—John, that couple in the next apartment have had a quarrel every day for over a week.
Hub—Well, since you have enjoyed listening to them, I suppose now we ought to reciprocate.

Birthday

"Your son ordered these photographs from me."

"Ah, yes. Well, they certainly look very much like him. Has he paid for them?"

"No, sir, he hasn't."

"Ah, yes. Very like him, very like."

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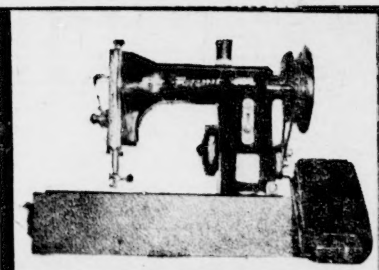
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PLANNING COMMISSION OUTLINES YEAR'S WORK

EDMONTON — At the January meeting of the Edmonton District Planning Commission the time was mainly taken up in the consideration of the Work Program and Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954.

Mr. Gertler, the Director, presented an outline of the work proposed to be undertaken and explained that, in anticipation of the technical staff being brought up to the strength authorized by the Commission last year, it is now desirable to proceed with the accumulation of necessary material for the preparation of a General Plan for the whole District. Provision is being made for the commencement of a detailed land-use survey of the rural areas, which survey is necessary as a basis for the preliminary study of such a General Plan.

Other District projects will include: Study of Agriculture Trends; Analysis of "problem farm" surveys; Population Studies, i.e., distribution and density with estimates of future growth. Study of the possibility of further Satellite Development with emphasis on problems, such as water supply which stands in the way of its attainment, etc.; Completion of a Model Building Code for District Towns; Detailed limited access Regulations for District Highways.

Inter-Municipal projects cover work towards achieving the Metropolitan Plan which includes: Revision of the Outline General Plan; and detailed planning for a portion of the North West Industrial Zone beyond the City Limits; Location of the

Ring Road with recommendations for its implementation and a study of a proposed system of Main Roads in the Metropolitan area in co-operation with the Planning Department of the City and interested municipalities.

Straight Municipal projects cover basic surveys in preparation for General Plans for the Towns of Fort Saskatchewan, Beverly and Morinville; General Plans for Town of Stony Plain and Leduc based on available survey material; The Technical Staff will continue to consult with and assist the Interim Development and Advisory Boards of the Towns as in the past and will extend their attention to the Municipal District Councils with whose co-operation it is hoped to work out appropriate land use (or zoning) systems for the rural areas.

The meeting took under consideration a Budget which had been prepared to meet the cost of this program and after a careful scrutiny of each item approved the Expenditure of \$37,600 if rent-free premises are obtainable or \$41,000 if it is found necessary to rent space. Much headway has been made in the past two years and the Commission feels that a point is being reached where full advantage can be taken of the groundwork that has been laid.

clubs of the Fraternity of Christian doctrine.

It is reported that Mrs. Adolard Maurier's health is very poor and even in a critical condition. Relatives have been called from Falher and Rhodes Island. All hope that Mrs. Maurier will recover shortly.

Alcomdale News Briefs

The first card party of the season was held in the Alcomdale hall Saturday, Jan. 17. Winners were as follows: For Cribbage, Ladies high, Miss Hedy Mollenkopf; low, Mrs. N. Byer. Gents high, Mr. Edgar Elliott; low, Mr. Elwood Benson. For Whist, Ladies high, Miss Barbara Gill; low Mrs. Paul Leblond. Gents high, Mr. Wm. Gray; low, Raymond Mills.

In the Misericordia Hospital is Mrs. C. A. Ferguson awaiting an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Arlow made a hurried trip to Vernon, B.C. where Mrs. Arlow's parents reside. Her father, Mr. Potamailor suffered a stroke and is seriously ill.

On Jan. 20 a dance will be held in the Alcomdale hall with Al Brault's Orchestra.

Government statisticians report that \$1,500,000 was collected in 1951 as the result of special and anti-dumping duties on textiles.

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Morinville News Briefs

It has been announced that Joe Bokenfohl is to be married to Miss Francis Hardis of Vancouver. The wedding is to take place at Vancouver on February 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brault are holidaying in the south. Mr. Brault is in Cuba visiting with his daughter, Denise, who is a missionary Sister, and Mrs. Brault is spending some time with her mother at Massachusetts.

Geo. Champagne was taken to the Edmonton Misericordia Hospital on January 18. His condition is reported to be "serious". Mr. and Mrs. Jerry St. Germain celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary on Jan. 20.

The CYO held a skating party and social at the Community Hall on January 18.

Maurice Peccas has taken employment at the Morinville Savings and Credit Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Houle have recently purchased Mrs. Marie Ethier's home. Their former home is now for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Montpeller celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 17.

Roland Rippe suffered an injury to his ankle when he slipped off the running board of a truck recently. He will be disabled from work for a couple of weeks.

J. H. Perras and Gaston Kremer attended a two-day implement convention at Red Deer last week.

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Couple Honored On 25th Anniversary

MORINVILLE — On Friday, Jan. 16, friends and neighbors gathered in the Riviere Qui Barre hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The first portion of the evening was spent playing cards. At midnight lunch was served. A lovely cake made by Mrs. Nick Perrot was reserved for the "bride's" table.

It was the privilege of Mr. A. Reed to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott the kind wishes of their many friends and to present them with a purse with instructions to purchase a gift for the home. Mr. Elliott graciously replied to Mr. Reed's kind remarks and expressed his sincere thanks on behalf of Mrs. Elliott and himself to all those present and especially to

the friends who arranged such a grand party.

A number of impromptu numbers were rendered, among them being the following: Solo, Annie Laurie, by Miss Bernice O'Neill; radio impersonations by Mr. Jim Elliott; solo, Mother Macree, Mr. T. J. Harrington; Scottish songs by Mr. McCurdy; recitations by Dennis Fitzgerald, Sharon Elliott and Gail Rowatt.

With Mr. Saunders at the piano everyone joined in the singing of old favorites. The evening was concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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